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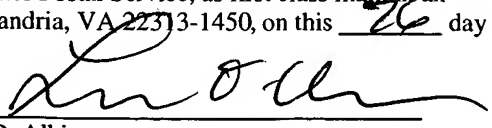
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Per M.P.E.P. § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 forms is respectfully requested. **As this patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications listed on the attached 1449 forms have not been submitted.** Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicants further request that a copy of the 1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Applicants also wish to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any documents and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced therein. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

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**List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications**


Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial No. of Provisional Application to which listed Application claims priority
Ali et al.	10/626,341	07/24/03	60/444,200
Oxman et al.	10/626,261	07/24/03	60/443,970

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